



DATES TO REMEMBER

January 5	Shooting Sports Registration
January 5	Office closing at 1 PM
January 15	Farm & Home Show Set Up @ 3:30 PM
January 16-17	Farm & Home Show
January 17	4-H Public Presentations @ 9 AM
January 17	Farm & Home Show LEGO Contest @ 11:30 a.m.
January 19	Office Closed—Martin Luther King Day
January 21	4-H Association Meeting @ 6 PM

Advisor Comments...

A new year is here and as a county we need to be proud of our successes that we had in 2014.

Enrollment: We had a total of 147 enrolled youth. There were 15 youth who participated in Shooting Sports exclusively. Out of the 147, there were 22 new members (including

Cloverbuds). Grant County 4-H is growing! My goal is to eventually have 4-H enrollment at 190 youth where it was in 2006.

Programs: We are increasingly offering new programs year after year. Last year, we started a Robotics Club where 15 youth spent time after

school learning and using their knowledge to successfully create a robot. In 2015, I'm looking forward to offering more educational programs.

For 2015, I encourage you to try something new. Members to try a new project specifically. Happy New Year!

2014-2015 4-H Livestock Green Tagging Changes

The "Green Tagging" system will be changing, starting with the 2014-2015 4-H program year.

Beginning with the 2015-2016 4-H program year, South Dakota 4-H Youth Development will move to completely different tags. Currently our tags are four numbers with a single letter. In the future, we will use National Unified Ear-Tagging System (NUES) tags. NUES tags are federally required for animals to technically cross state lines.

Another important part of the NUES tagging system is that only one federal tag can be placed in animal. This becomes problematic with sheep and goats that already carry a Scrapie Tag (which is also a federal tag). Because of this, we will move away from green tagging sheep and goats. Sheep and goats still need to be verified on the

Ownership Verification Affidavit forms, going forward their Scrapie number is the unique identifier. This change requires the entire Scrapie number be recorded on the form including the state code.

Another "change" for the 2015-2016 4-H program year will be in pre-identification for 4-H Dairy Cattle. Going forward, families will be required to provide one type of ID when submitting forms:

- A registration tag
- A registration tattoo
- An Electronic Identification Device (EID) tag number
- A complete Bangs tag number or a 4-H Green Tag number

To stay consistent, Breeding Beef animals will be required to have something more tangible than a herd tag for commercial animals. Breeding beef will need a tattoo at verification time or a Green Tag.

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LAST CALLING: WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We need your help to successful put on the Grant County Farm & Home Show—January 16-17 at the Milbank High School.

The 4-H program is a large component of this event and to make this event successful is with many helping hands.

Several sign up forms were sent

out in November & December where help is needed.

Please take a minute to sign up where you can assist, if it's donating pies and bars, helping with setup and take down, or working a shift in the Lunchstand.

The Leader Lunchstand and Junior Leader Stand are huge profit

makers for both entities. Also, the Chamber appreciates our help with set up and take down.

PLEASE sign up by January 6th!

Final details about the Farm & Home Show will be sent out by January 7th. Thank you to those who have signed up already.

Leader Lunchstand Work Sign Up

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044CACAF2AA5FB6-farm

Lunchstand Meat, Pies & Bars Sign Up

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044CACAF2AA5FB6-farm1

Farm & Home Show Set Up & Take Down

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044CACAF2AA5FB6-farm2

Junior Leader Pop & Ice Cream Stand

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044CACAF2AA5FB6-junior

Youth interested in doing a Public Presentation at the Farm & Home Show deadline is January 5th. 4-H Public Presentation is an opportunity for youth to demonstrate or give an illustrated talk to teach the audience a skill, concept or principle related to a project area. Youth must give at least 2 club presentations or 1 county presentation to meet project pin requirements AND must give 1 presentation club or county to meet participation requirements. Public Presentations will take place Saturday, January 17 at the Milbank High School, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Start signing up by clicking on this link.

<http://goo.gl/forms/AHVRi4SnFI>

Junior Leader Ice Cream and Pop Stand

It is your responsibility if you are unable to cover a shift to find a replacement.

Friday: January 16th, 2015:

9:45-10:30AM--Jimmie Berkner; Allison Pillatzki
10:30-11:30AM--Michaela DeWald; Breanna Schmitt
11:30-12:30PM--William Mischel; Andrew Christensen;
Leigh Oster
12:30-1:30PM--Kadon Leddy; Brianna Schreurs, Cara Berkner
1:30-2:30PM--Claire Mischel; Katie VanderWal
2:30-3:30PM--Kylee Mogen; Katie Mogen

3:30-4:30PM--Sharon Folk; Tanner Schwagel
4:30-6:00PM--Noah Steinlicht; Logan Meyer
6:00-8:00PM--Kasi Schlueter; Bailey Storm

Saturday-- January 17th, 2015:

10:30- 11:30 am- Zach Sousa; Sam Jarman
11:30 am- 1:00 pm- Tyler Elbert; Elias Magilke
1:00—2:30 pm- Thomas Steltz; Tatiana Stemsrud; Sydney Zenk



Farm Show LEGO Contest

Saturday, January 17, 2015

11:30 a.m. Check-in at Milbank High School Lunchroom
Contest will begin at Noon • Awards will be presented at 1:30 pm



All ages 4 and up are invited to participate in the LEGO contest being held at the Grant County Farm & Home Show!

How the contest works:

Participants must bring their own LEGO bricks and a base on which to build their entry. Contestants will be given a maximum time to 30 minutes to assemble their LEGO project. None of the LEGO bricks may be put together before the contest begins. Table space to work on will be provided. Judging will be based on creativity of the project, ability to answer questions, completing project within time allowed and participant bringing supplies needed. Participants who earned first place in last year's contest will be ineligible to win first place in the same age division again, but you will be able to win second place or People's Choice award. If you have moved up to a different age category this year, you are eligible to win any placing.

The age categories:

Age 4-6—contestants use DUPLO or LEGO bricks

Age 7-8—contestants use LEGO bricks

Age 9-10—contestants use LEGO bricks

Age 11 and up—contestants use LEGO bricks

Prizes awarded in each category: LEGO sets & Milbank 'Ol Mill Bucks donated by Lewis Family Drug, Grant County 4-H Leaders Association and Milbank Area Chamber of Commerce.

We will also have a People's Choice award for all the entries. Everyone present will be able to vote for their one favorite entry regardless of age category. Award sponsored by Learning Time Preschool, Teacher Paula Wieting.

First Place

Age 4-6—LEGO set and \$20 Milbank 'Ol Mill Buck

Age 7-8—LEGO set and \$20 Milbank 'Ol Mill Bucks

Age 9-10—\$40 Milbank 'Ol Mill Bucks

Age 11 & Up—\$40 Milbank 'Ol Mill Bucks

Second Place

Age 4-6—LEGO set

Age 7-8—LEGO set

Age 9-10—\$20 Milbank 'Ol Mill Bucks

Age 11 & Up—\$20 Milbank 'Ol Mill Bucks

NEW THIS YEAR:

Participants who are awarded first and second place, their LEGO display will be featured at the Grant County Library after the contest until January 31.

Pre-registration is required! Return form by **Friday, January 9th** to the Grant County Extension Office, Grant County Courthouse, 210 E. 5th Ave., Milbank, SD 57252. Call 605-432-9221 to inquire about late registration.

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Please return this portion to the Grant County Extension Office by **Friday, January 9, 2015.**

ENTRY FORM—FARM SHOW LEGO CONTEST—MILBANK HIGH SCHOOL LUNCHROOM

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ AGE AS OF JANUARY 17, 2015 _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ (Required for confirmation of registration)

Announcements...

Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

Youth Day at the Black Hills Stock Show will be held on Saturday, February 1st with all the events being held at the Pennington County 4-H/Extension Building and the Central States Fairgrounds.

Activities that will be going on are: Beef Cook-off, Horse Bowl, Hippology, Livestockology, Livestock Judging Contest, Dog Show, Beef Bust and Youth PQA Plus.

Registration deadline is January 10th. For more information, visit:
<http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4036-2014.pdf>

Farm Safety Poster Contest

Youth ages 5 to 13 are invited to participate in the Farm Safety Poster Contest in conjunction with Watertown Winter Farm Show. The poster is to illustrate an aspect of farm safety and will be judged prior to the event. Cash awards are provided by Farm Credit Services of America, Watertown.

Only one entry per individual, submit poster on 11x17 or 12x18 inch paper, and any media forms may be used.

Submit entries to Codington County Extension Office, 1910 West Kemp Avenue, Watertown, SD 57201 by **Thursday, January 22.**

Fruit Sales

The 4-H Association, 4-H clubs and families will be selling fruit again this year as a fundraiser. It is done on a volunteer basis. I have made contact regarding the fruit sales already. Supplies will not be available until the middle of January.

If you or your club is interested in taking part, contact the 4-H Office by **January 20th** to sign up. You will be contacted once we have collected the necessary information.

There are 3 Marshmallow Shooter kits for sale at the 4-H Office from December Power Project Day. Kits come with parts & instructions.
Cost: \$3.00

how to read a pattern.

Rose Bowl Bunny Candy Dish—\$5.00

Make a bunny candy dish from a glass rose bowl completed with a Styrofoam bunny head. After completion, bowl can be filled with jelly beans. A picture will be available in the February newsletter.

About Power Project Days: In 2014, the Grant County 4-H office reached out to clubs to host a Power Project Day for youth. Clubs come up and plan project ideas. Participants leave with a completed project that can be entered at the Grant County Achievement Days. 4-H members are encouraged to bring a friend to have fun and learn about 4-H.

February Power Project Day

The Madison Jr. Livestock 4-H Club will be hosting a Power Project Day on Sunday, February 16th at 5:30 p.m. at the Otter Tail Building Community Room. Registration is required by Feb. 9.

This evening will be filled with fun crafts for youth of all ages.

Paracord Survivor Bracelets—\$2.50

Paracord survival bracelets are worn around the world. They are a great way to carry around a fair amount of paracord with you in case of any emergency situation. It's made as a

bracelet and can be unraveled. Variety of colors will be available.

Pet Bandannas—\$4 for small dog or cat size; **\$5** for large dog size; or write a letter about why your pet needs a bandanna

This is a brilliant, simple gift for your pet or animal lover. Whether wild, wild west or whimsical as the wilderness your pet will be styling in this collar bandanna. This project is for ages K and up, all supplies will be provided including sewing machines. The skills you will be learning and using are basic sewing with a machine, ironing, math, and learning



Pet Bandannas

Paracord Bracelets



Apply for National 4-H Conference Trip

Members of the South Dakota 4-H Program, have the opportunity to apply for the 88th National 4-H Conference scheduled for April 11-16, 2015, in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Youth must be 16 – 18 years old by the date of the event to apply. Applicants should submit their applications to the Grant County 4-H Office. Upon approval, the 4-H Youth Program Advisor will submit the signed application, via email or USPS mail, to the State 4-H Office by **January 15**. A designated committee of 4-H Youth Development professionals and/or previous trip participants will review applications and notify delegates on/before February 15. To download an application, visit:

<http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4037-2014.pdf> or contact the Grant County 4-H Office at 605-432-9221.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The National 4-H Conference is a premier professional and leadership development event for 4-H members, ages 16 – 19, across the U.S. and its territories. The conference is administered by the National 4-H Headquarters of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Held annually, except for several years during World War II, the camp's mission is to assist in the development of the next generation's leaders. Delegates attend training workshops,

become acquainted with government and have the opportunity to meet with state leaders.

This experience has been a tradition for 4-H members since 1927. In 1958, the event name, formerly known as the "National 4-H Club Camp," was changed to National 4-H Conference. Prior to 1959, delegates slept in tents on the grounds of the National Mall in front of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Washington, DC. In 1959, the meeting moved from the National Mall to the newly founded National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD (right outside of Washington, D.C.).

4-H Livestock Record App

Do agonize over 4-H record keeping? Now you can organize your market livestock project information on your iPhone or iPad and send customize reports right to your email inbox.

- Track your 4-Hers and their individual livestock project animal
- Track participation in events, meetings, shows, contest and

more

- Record animal weights, feed, and health and monitor average daily gains
- Enter project income, expenses, and assets to generate financial statements
- Use photos to customize each 4-Her and animal
- Export reports to analyze in

spreadsheets, create graphs, or use in your state and local 4-H record keeping forms.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Tractor Supply Company, National 4-H Council brings you this easy, flexible way to keep all your 4-H market livestock records all together in one place.

Calling all Cloverbuds—For youth K-2 grade



Our regular Clever Cloverbuds will meet on February 9th at 3:45-4:45 PM at Koch Elementary. Come for a fun time!

child's natural curiosity, enthusiasm for learning and high energy level. It provides opportunities for exploration and active learning in a non-competitive environment.

This year, Grant County 4-H office will be offering a wide variety of activities and experiences monthly to encourage children to explore and

think about the world around them.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

March 16th

April 20th

May 18th

June 15th

**Note: Location change from November*

The South Dakota 4-H Cloverbud Program is a non-formal education program. The program appeals to a

Junior Leaders Corner

(Remember, any member age of 12 and older can be involved in Junior Leaders which participate in many fun and exciting activities and community service events throughout the year.)

- ⇒ The next Junior Leader meeting will be **February, 8 at 5:00 p.m.** We will meet at the Grant County Courthouse and decorating Valentines for the nursing and assisted living homes.
- ⇒ Inside the newsletter, there is a working schedule for the Junior Leaders Ice Cream & Pop stand at the Farm & Home Show. This list will be given to the schools for release. If you are unable to work, please make arrangements with someone.

***Being involved in Junior Leaders looks great on community service, scholarship applications and much more!
Get involved today!***

Shooting Sports

Open to youth ages 8-19 and do not need to be an enrolled 4-H member.

Registration for Shooting Sports will be January 5. BB Gun, Air Rifle and Air Pistol registration will be held at the 4-H Exhibit Building at 5:30 p.m. Archery registration will be at 6:30 p.m. at Milbank Valley Archery (located above the remodeled Valley Queen offices).

The first day of BB Gun/Rifle/Pistol and Archery, each youth will need to enroll in the Shooting Sports if they are not a 4-H member via 4H Online. A computer will be available to complete this task on the first night of each events.

Practices will be:

BB Gun, Air Rifle and Air Pistol will be Mondays and Tuesdays, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Archery will be Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

There will be a Youth Development Training for certified instructors on January 10 from 1-5 p.m at Milbank Middle School library. Please notify the Grant County 4-H Office if you'll be attending by January 5.

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To:

Grant County Farm & Home Show

January 16-17, 2015 at the National Armory and Milbank High School Lobby.

**Join Us
For...**